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As you'll see perusing this issue, there's a lot going on in our community this month — lots of chances to get outdoors and enjoy Michigan in the summertime! As we take to the streets this summer, to eat, play, dance or protest, it's almost guaranteed that we will meet new people and experience new things. This probably includes meeting some furry friends, too. In this issue we have a collection of articles focusing on the importance of pet ownership for people experiencing homelessness. If you know someone who is a pet parent, or if you are one yourself, you know how important a pet can be to a per-

son's well-being. The stories on pages 6 and 7 aim to inform readers of the common discrimination that pet owners experiencing homelessness receive on a day-to-day basis and to educate our community about how to reduce this discrimination on an individualized — and systemic — level. I first started thinking about the "poor people don't deserve to have pets" narrative when Pet Pals Mutual Aid formed in 2020. As you might recall from a Groundcover article in August 2021, this group of local advocates understands the important role animals play in our everyday lives and works to provide resources such as food, litter, toys and — at times — vet services to the community. When Sheri Wander approached me about running a new column to introduce community members to pets they might see more frequently out and about, I knew we had to get it out for the beginning of summer. Look out for a new column over the next few months entitled "Meet My Pet Pal." You can find the first publication of it on page 6.

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ANN ARBOR SUMMER FEST
June 10- July 3
915 E Washington St
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WESTSIDE ART HOP
June 11, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., June 12, 12-5 p.m.
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MEET YOUR VENDOR



Joe Woods, vendor No. 103

Where do you usually sell Groundcover News?
Liberty and Main in front of Cherry Republic.

If you were a character from a movie, book, or TV show, who would you be and why?
I would be a mixture of Yoda, Darth Vader and Batman.

If you could travel back in time, what time period would you travel back to and why?
60's or 70's Woodstock.

If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be?
Outer space.

If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?
Finance.

If you had to teach a class on one thing, what would you teach?
Sales.

If you could give a piece of advice to your younger self, what would it be?
Wait to have sex.

What would your entrance song be?
Anything by Too Short (International Playa).

Describe your perfect day.
Any day I wake up is a good day.

What is something you would not want to change about yourself?
My charming personality.

Nature without the nurture

From the time of the very foolish monarch Nicholas II (1894-1917) to a very uncertain propagandist (Lenin, 1917-1924), to a very controlling, non-emotional, ruthless dictator (Stalin, 1924-1952), with a pause for another uncertain dictator who was trying to de-Stalinize the problem beforehand (Khrushchev, 1953-1964); all the way up to the certain fate of Gorbachev, who was removed in 1991; now to the current non-emotional, and as we can see by looking at the war in Ukraine, very ruthless, propagandist, controlling, uncertain Vladimir Putin... we see the nature of Russian rulers. It is evident that the Russian leadership has the drive to conquer humanity as human beings, but lacks the nurturing qualities for



ruling. I find that Russia has nature without nurture — the nurturing of resolve, compassion, love and community. Nature without nurture has plagued the Russian people, including several other Communist countries, as a pandemic plagues human life. So I challenge the mere dismissal that they have no belief in God,

because it is my belief that God Is love. And by me believing in love, I not only hold a beautiful nature, but also a beautiful nurturing, which is inevitably love. I challenge the Russian people to not only recognize that they are human beings with nature, but try to grasp some idea of a nurturing process in a positive way; and if they choose not to acknowledge that there is a God, at least realize that love is a big piece of the puzzle of life; so I challenge Vladimir Putin not only to show his nature, but also his nurture ... If there is any. Because if he had any form of compassionate nurturing, would there even be a war in Ukraine?

Four days of food for thought

"Get Rich or Die Tryin"
— Curtis Jackson

When we see this quote we initially think of financial gain, and, though in my opinion these are words to live by, I also think of "rich" as "rich in spirit." "Rich" meaning fully evolved. In trying to enrich yourself spiritually, what's wrong with doing that until you are no longer here? What's wrong with wanting to get in shape and "die trying?" What's the worst that could happen? If you die at least you were attempting to better yourself. Self improvement is like knowledge, you should seek it everyday.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate"
—Marianne Williamson

Fear stops us from making the first step towards any goal we may have. It paralyzes us in our hearts, minds, and spirits. It makes us doubt our own capabilities and abilities. Believing in you is the greatest power that was ever given to us as mere mortals. We humans thought of the wheel and the internet and made them part of everyday life. Never doubt your power; it is truly beyond measure. Taking that leap of faith is frightening. You don't step on the ground and hope it's going to hold you up; you know it will. It's a constant. Moving in your purpose with that mentality, there's nothing you can't accomplish. Besides,once you move



forward enough, stopping or going back would just be dumb.

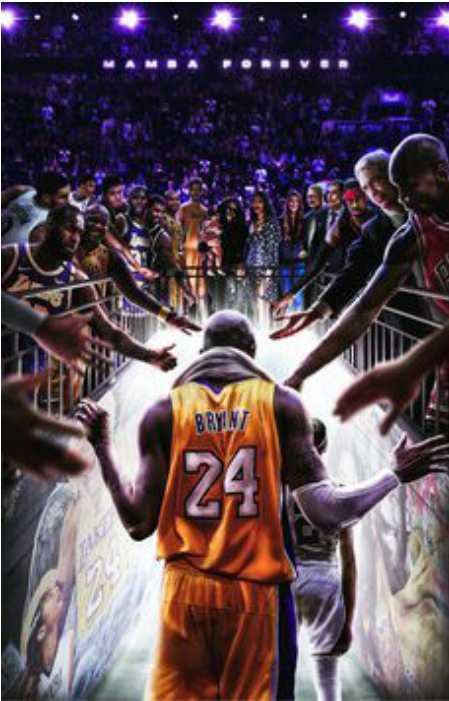
"You shouldn't take anything personally, especially from someone who doesn't know you personally"
— Biggs

People have a tendency to be the stars in the movie of life, but everyone is starring in their own movie. The majority of people you come in contact with don't know you. Not just you as a name, or individual person. Ask yourself, do they know how you were raised? Do you share the same morals and ideals? Most don't. They're being the best them possible, so when you get offended, don't hold onto that. They don't know better.

"Behind every strong person is a story that gives them no choice."
— Unknown

It's easy to look at a person and see the outcome, and say, "That's great." But do you know their struggles? Kobe Bryant was one of the

greatest basketball players ever, but he didn't start that way. He put hundreds of thousands of hours perfecting his game, and it still wasn't perfect. He read the referee handbook to get the perspective of the only other person on the court while the game is being played. That dedication to greatness is typically something you never see. Most peoples' hands are forced into doing something they never planned to do in order to succeed. Everyone's plans show an upward trajectory, but we all get hit in the face at some point with obstacles. That's what makes those people great! The fight! The courage to not have a plan B; the courage to persevere.



Pickleball: your next favorite sport

Invented in the summer of 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Washington, pickleball is played with a wiffle ball and is a cross between tennis, badminton and ping-pong. The outlandish name came from its founding town, a reference to the thrown-together leftover non-starters in the “pickle boat” of crew races (USAPA).

With warmer weather coming, it's the perfect opportunity to pick up a new sport that is accessible for all ages and skill levels.

Four years ago, my hometown broke ground on a new park that featured eight new outdoor pickleball courts. I didn't think much of it because, for the first few months, the courts remained essentially devoid of players. However, each time I drove by the park on my way home from school, I noticed more and more people on the courts.

Eventually, I took a girl on a first date to try out the sport. Even as beginners, we immediately were able to grasp the rules and have a great time playing. Little did I know, that date would serve as the launching point for one of my all-time favorite pastimes. I would go on to enter local tournaments and even win a little bit of money for my troubles.

I wasn't alone. The sport grew like



ETHAN HALL
U-M student contributor



Pickleball is played with a wiffle ball and paddles on a badminton-sized court and a tennis-like net.

people who don't traditionally like to play sports and often don't exercise as much as they'd like to.

The best players I've ever played against were both over sixty years old, and they take great pleasure in beating “the young bucks.” It's also a very accessible sport for people of all incomes because there are no fees to access most courts, and you can usually buy a paddle and a few balls from your local grocery or athletics store for less than \$20.

Unsurprisingly, Ann Arbor's fascination with the sport mirrors the attention that the sport is receiving on the national level. In Ann Arbor, though,

residents have the unique opportunity to access Wolverine Pickleball which showcases eight indoor, year-round pickleball courts. The Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center offers pickleball daily on four to eight courts at a variety of times. As with most indoor facilities, there are fees to play. Ann Arbor residents also can play for free in four other local recreation department parks that offer courts to play outdoor pickleball.

With no excuses not to try the sport out, I'd highly encourage readers who are bored or looking for a way to get in shape this spring and summer to give the sport a chance. You won't regret it.

Westside Art Hop, Boober license update

I have been working on trying to get my driver license for a few years and I had to submit a package to the Secretary of State. We ran into many roadblocks while being in the pandemic. The last road block was that I could get my license but would have to buy a car and get an interlock in the car for a whole year. At this point in my life I do not want to drive a car because I spend all my time on pedicabs.

So even though I was awarded the license I still appealed the process as my last chance. My student lawyers said they could no longer help me on my journey because no one has ever received their license without the interlock.

I set out to get the best lawyer for this job, and he refused because he said it would be impossible. I think he maybe didn't want to do it because he wanted to keep a winning record.

I prayed and chanted for everyone in the case. I shared my story extremely nervously to the court and the judge asked what can we do to get this guy a license? They ended up



KEVIN SPANGLER
Groundcover vendor No. 307



remanding the case for 90 days so I can resubmit my package, cleaning up my letters of support. They want more information about who I was before I was sober. More on this in a few months.

Boober's Continued Growth

Boober also just signed a lease for another warehouse that is 3000 square feet. We could move directly there but my goal is to see if we can keep both warehouses to continue to grow and expand Boober tours. We

bought a welder and we are building three new carriages similar to the trailers that we have that have big light boxes all the way around.

We are also providing a taxi service for the Art Hop in June. We are helping people get to different parts of the Art Hop because there are a lot of hills.

Art Hop: a feast for the senses

The Ann Arbor Westside Art Hop is an art walk through two of Ann Arbor's historic neighborhoods mixed with

an eclectic range of local arts, crafts and eats. This month's walk should be the best ever, though organizers promise it will remain quirky. Ann Arbor Westside Art Hop, Saturday, June 11, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and June 12, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m..

It spans two neighborhoods. From the iconic old Westside an easy hop across Seventh Street takes you into the gently rolling streets of the Eberwhite neighborhood. The week before Art Hop, those bright white signs sprout like dandelions on neighborhood street corners, homes and businesses.

Undercover art intel: from the desk of Panda



CINDY GERE
Groundcover vendor No. 279

I was bebopping around Ann Arbor and found a cool artist at Mercy House that goes by the name Shaggy.

He is very good at drawing and has done tattoos for body art.

Shaggy told me, “When I was a lad, I was into drawing and art classes. I used to read cartoons like Shonen Jump and other manga from Japan.

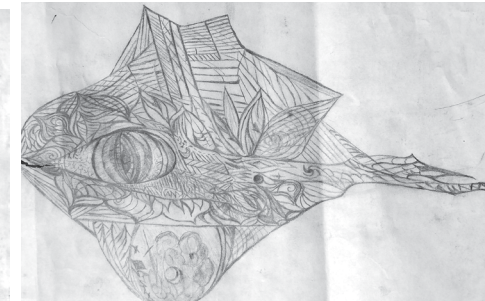
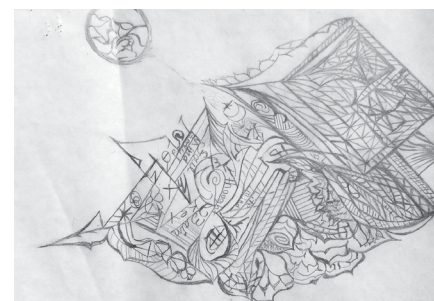
“My art is tattoo art, and clothing

with art styles on print.

“I would come to see artists who are low income and homeless. Show our worlds on public walls as a contribution to Ann Arbor.”

I, Kung Fu Panda, think that's a wonderful idea. But only the movers and shakers can make it happen.

— Peace & Love,
Panda & Shaggy



Works by Shaggy, graphite on paper.

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Wednesday, June 8, 11am to 4pm

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- GRANDMA PATRICIA
FGP VOLUNTEER

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meet my pet pal: **DEREK & SODA**

A column on why those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity have pets and why it is important to support that.



How did you get your pet?

I started fostering Soda at the beginning of March for a person in the community. He called me up two weeks after Soda came to be with me and said I could have him because it would take longer for him to get on his feet than he originally thought.

Tell us a few things about your pet?

First, Soda's the most stubborn dog you've ever met. If you've ever met a two year old... you've met Soda. But also, he's the most lovable dog you've ever met in your life.

Second, he won't do his business within a half mile of camp.

He'll pull a wagon until his heart explodes. He pulled a wagon all over town with water on the back of the wagon. I can remember one time he was tired but I said "Yup" and he only got faster. He'll give me his life working if I ask him to — up hills, fully loaded. Sometimes pulling me too. You cannot exhaust his energy.

What rewards do you get from having a pet?

Everyone else gets to live

[unharmed] when I have a pet. It benefits everyone else for me to have a pet. When I have a pet I have something to take care of, I think differently.

What is a challenge of having a pet while experiencing homelessness/poverty/ economic exploitation?

In Ann Arbor, the challenge is you have 150,000 people telling you what your dog needs and when it needs it. Constantly, these people tell me I'm not doing the right thing for my dog. They act like they know what's better and easily call the police on stuff like that.

What is something our readers should know about Soda if they see you both on the street?

Three things:

1. If Soda's barking when you walk by, you better pet him. Otherwise he won't shut up. He's not a violent dog, he just

wants attention. That's all it takes to shut him up.

2. If he's alone, his owner is really close by. His human gets a little angry when people assume that the dog was abandoned.

3. Soda is to receive NO treats from absolutely NO one. No human food, no dog treats that aren't approved by his human (Soda is a dog that's on his second life, if you know what I mean).



Making pet ownership work while homeless



CAITLIN MORIATY
U-M student contributor

According to the 2021-2022 National Pet Owners Survey, about 90.5 million families own a pet. That's seventy percent of the American household population. Yet the idea of homeless people having pets is shocking and met with disapproval. While the exact number of homeless people who own pets is unknown, the love for their animals should be honored.

I spoke with Doug Redlin regarding owning a pet while experiencing homelessness. He and his girlfriend currently own two black tuxedo pit-terrier mixes named Dabz and Shatterz. Doug describes his relationship with the dogs saying "[the dogs] don't know they're homeless."

What they know is the schedule Doug and his girlfriend keep them on. Doug does not allow people to feed his dog without his permission in order to keep them on top of their meal schedule. He also trains his dogs and says each knows about twenty commands. He understands the responsibility of training his dogs and takes it very seriously, working with them ever since he got them at seven weeks old.

But ownership is not for everyone. Doug quit his job to care for his two dogs saying, "Everywhere we've been, I had to take them with me and it is pretty much walking everywhere."

He walks up to seven miles a day

with Dabz and Shatterz, regardless of the weather. When the ground is too cold, he carries each 60-pound dog for a few minutes at a time throughout the miles. "You just do it," he says, even through slippery terrain with blisters on his feet and freezing hands. Doug views his dogs as family, saying he would never sell his dog. He equates them as his children and puts their needs before his own, including spoiling them with McDonald's hamburgers three times a week. Doug emphasizes the sacrifice and commitment to keep his dogs well cared for.

Doug credits Purple House, a community shelter in Ann Arbor, as being a massive help. Purple House offers kennels and a field to run in for his dog which allows Doug the freedom of doing errands and going to places that do not allow dogs. "They do not ask for [anything]," but the community is generous in donating numerous items for Dabz and Shatterz.

Doug suffers from seizures and blackouts, and while his dogs have had no formal training, he insists they know what to do in medical emergencies. When he starts showing symptoms of an oncoming seizure, Shatterz runs to find help while Dabz stays with him, ensuring nothing happens to him. "The dogs just know what to do," he says when it comes to aiding him in emergencies. Doug has taken steps to make Shatterz a service dog and Dabz an emotional support animal which would allow him to take them to more places and rely less on Purple House.

"We belong to them [the dogs], they are human" is how Doug describes his bond with his dogs. Perfectly put, both take care of each other and both show compassion and love for one another. It certainly is not easy to be homeless and also have pets but for Doug, it is worth it.



Doug Redlin and his two dogs, Dabz and Shatterz at the Purple House this winter. Photo credit: Cynthia Price.

German street paper vendors Ralf and Mario: "Life without dogs? Impossible!"

SEBASTIAN SELLHORST
bodo contributor

Editor's note: bodo is a street paper like Groundcover News based in Dortmund, Germany.

Anyone who is a guest at a bodo contact point will always meet one or more dogs there. There is hardly a vendor meeting where a handful of four-legged friends are not present. We accompanied some of them on a walk through downtown Bochum.

With Ralf and Mario we walk through the Appolonia-Pfaus Park. With them is a troupe of three dogs, who are happy to romp around again after sitting still for an hour at the vendor meeting. "When I got an apartment in Bochum, I didn't know anyone here and fell into a hole. I wasn't with bodo at the time. That's when my family gave me Maja," Mario says. "She was 14 months old at the time and came to me from Macedonia and was my salvation. In the meantime, I couldn't imagine my life without her."

It was much the same for him, Ralf tells us, as he keeps trying in vain to untangle the two dog leashes with Tyson and Cassey. "Sometimes there are days when I'm not feeling well and I wonder why I even bother to get up. Then I look at these two and know why I'm doing all this."

As we walk down Kortumstrasse, we keep stopping to say hello to other dog-human teams. "You

inevitably strike up a conversation with other pet owners," Ralf knows. "For many people on the street, their dog is the only constant in their lives. They would never part with their animal. That's why, for many, overnight shelters where you're not allowed to take animals are out of the question."

After a few meters we pass the sales place of Petra, who has already set up with Milo and Amy. For her, too, the animals come first. She can plan expenses for food well. It is difficult with veterinary costs. That can quickly become expensive. "But I would rather save on food than on the health of my two," she says as she slips them a treat.

When we arrive at Mario's selling point, the first thing we do there is spread out Maja's blanket. "At first she was skeptical when it came to selling. But now she's relaxed and knows all the regular customers," Mario reports as he fills a small bowl with water. Recently, Maja and Mario have also had another offspring. "Bella, a beagle with extra length," as Mario describes her with a laugh. Actually, she should only stay with him for a short time for care, but at the moment it looks like she will stay longer. Because there was one thing everyone agreed on today: A life without a dog? Impossible!

Courtesy of bodo / International Network of Street Papers



Left of the photo — Ralf with Tyson and Cassey, right of the photo — Mario with Maja. Photo credit: bodo.

2022 A2SF EVENTS AT TOP OF THE PARK

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5PM NIGHTLY

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5PM NIGHTLY

Get your stretch, meditation, or groove on. We're back with 21 nights of yoga, Garba, Capoeira, Zumba, and other wellness classes taught by local experts on the Power Center lawn. Retreat and feel good.

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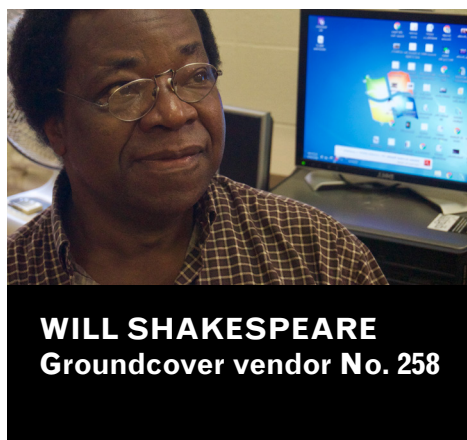
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One of the most magical parts of Top of the Park emerges after dark. Whether you like blockbusters, musicals, cult classics, or animated Oscar winners, we got you covered with your favorite flicks under the stars.

Why we remember the Loving v. Virginia Supreme Court decision: A lifeline to the civil rights movement

"I am proud that Richard's and my name is on a court case that can help reinforce the love, the commitment, the fairness, and the family that so many people, black and white, young and old, gay or straight seek in life. I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what loving ... and Loving are all about."

— Mildred Loving, "Loving For All Seasons" (published June 12, 2007 on the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Loving Decision)



WILL SHAKESPEARE
Groundcover vendor No. 258

Dr. Aldon Morris, a former University of Michigan Professor of Sociology and African American Studies, wrote the highly acclaimed book titled, "The Origin of the Civil Rights Movement." Some scholars have called the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s America's Second Reconstruction period, the first being the post-civil-war Southern Reconstruction efforts overseen by the victorious Union military commanders from 1867 to 1877. Recently, Michelle Goodwin, a law professor at the University of California Riverside, said that a Third American Reconstruction may be necessary in order to remove the sadness, the fear and the uncertainty surrounding American women's increased struggle to preserve their rights to full reproductive freedom, full reproductive health care and full reproductive family health planning.

The Intersection of Loving Decision and Civil Rights Struggles

In January 2015, University of Pennsylvania Law Professor Dorothy E. Roberts authored "Loving v. Virginia as a Civil Rights Decision," an article published by the Law Review of the New York Law School. Roberts wrote, "Loving v. Virginia, the unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision that invalidated state laws restricting interracial marriage, marked the tail end of the civil rights cases of the 1950s and '60s. Loving was not issued until 1967, more than a decade after the Court's decision in Brown v. Board of Education, holding racial segregation of public schools unconstitutional. At the time of the 1963 March in Washington, nineteen states still had laws prohibiting interracial marriage, and federal jurisprudence upholding these laws had remained the same since 1883."

Professor Roberts continued, "Loving was the capstone of the court's blow to the Jim Crow regime. As the court stated, it struck down the

Virginia law because it was a measure designed to maintain White Supremacy. Yet subsequent decades have faded the understanding of Loving as a civil rights decision. While Brown became the emblem of the end of de jure segregation, Loving fell into relative obscurity."

Roberts also quoted Constitutional Law Scholar Bruce Ackerman, who wrote the 2007 book titled, "The Civil Rights Revolution." The book said that "the same-sex marriage movement revived the decision to stand for the right to marry the partner of one's choice."

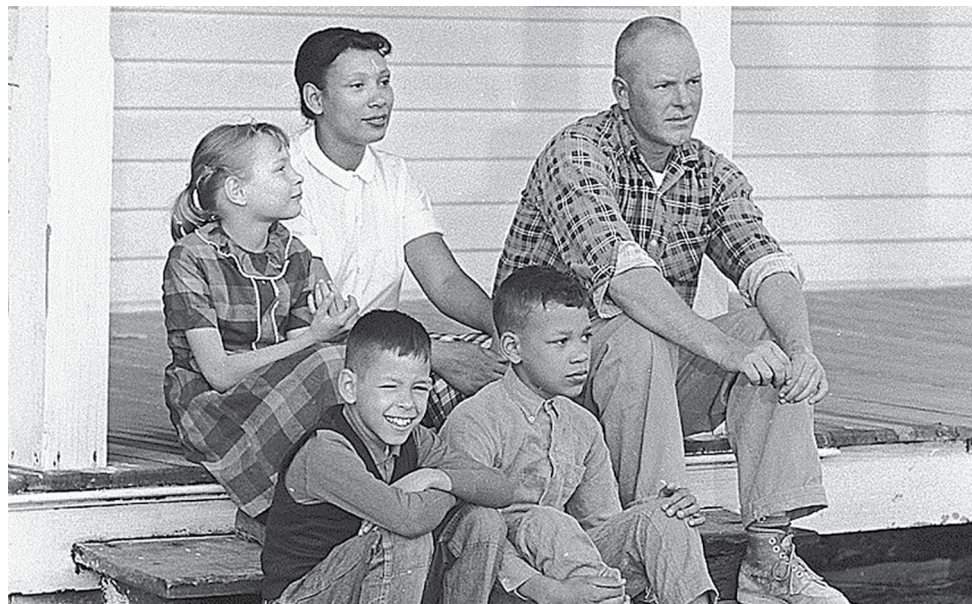
Facts of the Loving Case and Opinion by Chief Justice Earl Warren

Below is an excerpt from Justice Warren's written opinion in the Loving v. Virginia Supreme Court decision:

"This case presents a constitutional question never addressed by this court; whether a statutory scheme adopted by the State of Virginia to prevent marriages between persons solely on the basis of racial classification violated the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. For reasons which seem to us to reflect the central meaning of these constitutional commands, we conclude that these statutes cannot stand consistently with the Fourteenth Amendment."

Justice Warren continued with the facts of the case:

"In June 1958, two residents of Virginia, Mildred Jeter, a Negro woman, and Richard Loving, a White man, were married in the District of Columbia pursuant to its laws. Shortly after their marriage, the Lovings returned to Virginia and established their marital abode in Carolina County. At the October Term 1958 of the Circuit Court of Carolina County, a grand jury issued an indictment charging the Lovings with violating Virginia's ban on interracial marriages. On January 6, 1959,



The Loving family: Mildred, Richard, Peggy, Donald and Sidney.
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the Lovings pleaded guilty to the charge and were sentenced to one year in jail; however, the trial judge suspended the sentence for a period of 25 years on the condition that the Lovings leave the State and not return to Virginia for 25 years."

Justice Warren continues, "After their convictions, the Lovings took up residence in the District of Columbia. On November 6, 1965, they filed a motion in the State trial court to vacate the judgment and set aside the sentence on the ground that the statutes which they had violated were repugnant to the Fourteenth Amendment. The motion not having been decided by October 28, 1964, the Lovings instituted a class action in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, requesting that a three-judge court be convened to declare the Virginia anti-miscegenation statutes unconstitutional and enjoin the state officials from enforcing their convictions. On January, 22, 1965, the state trial judge denied the motion to vacate the sentences, and the Lovings perfected an appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. On February 11, 1965, The three-judge District Court continued the case to allow the Lovings to present their constitutional claims to the highest State Court. The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals upheld the constitutionality of the anti-miscegenation statutes, and after modifying the sentence, affirmed the conviction. The Lovings appealed this decision, and we noted probable jurisdiction on December 12, 1966..."

In a concluding remark regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's unanimous opinion in the Loving case, Chief Justice Warren noted, "...Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,'

fundamental to our very existence and survival... To deny this fundamental freedom on so unsupportable a basis as the racial classification embodied in these statutes, classifications so directly subversive of the principle of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment, is surely to deprive all the state citizens of liberty without due process of law. The Fourteenth Amendment requires that the freedom of choice to marry not be restricted by invidious racial discriminations. Under our constitution, the freedom to marry, or not to marry, a person of another race resides with the individual and cannot be infringed by the State." Chief Justice Earl Warren continues, "These convictions must be reversed. It is so ordered."

Conclusion

Today, many remember the Supreme Court decision in the Loving case because it strengthened America's concept of freedom and liberty under the Bill of Rights. Abraham Lincoln once said, "No one deserves freedom and liberty if he/she is unwilling to extend them to others."

Lincoln was assassinated in 1865 for taking a moral stand against slavery, injustice and inequality. The next year, led by Radical Abolitionist Republicans from Northern States, the U.S. Congress passed the 1866 Civil Rights Act which later became the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

The ramification of the Loving decision was nationwide. "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner," a rom-com about interracial marriage, was released the same year. The generations that

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Hope Clinic in Illinois is advertising on billboards along a Missouri highway. Their billboard reads, "Welcome to Illinois, where you can get a safe, legal abortion." If Roe v. Wade is overturned this summer, Illinois will be one of the only states where a person could access legal abortions in the Midwest.

Women's ability to choose motherhood to be determined by Dobbs v. Jackson

This summer the U.S. Supreme Court will make its decision in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case. This case contests the constitutionality of a 15-week abortion ban in Mississippi. The fear is that the case will lead to the overturning of the 1973 ruling in Roe v. Wade which, under the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment, protects a pregnant person's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction.

Despite Justice Samuel Alito and the last three conservative justices on the court each stating in their confirmation hearings that Roe is settled law and precedent, many abortion advocates feared it was just a matter of time before the court would be where it is today. Since the leaking of Justice Alito's "draft" decision on the case the week of Mothers' Day, it seems this fear was never an exaggeration.

Whatever SCOTUS rules in the Dobbs case could create months of legal battles, not to mention days, weeks, even months before the full impacts of the court's decision are clearly understood. Each state will be deciding on its own what the scope of abortion rights looks like. We have been here before.

In Michigan two lawsuits were filed in early April arguing the 1931 abortion ban violates the state constitution as well as its civil rights laws. A judge granted a temporary injunction on this ban in May.

It is unlikely the ban will be removed even though more than two-thirds of Michigan voters want the U.S. Supreme Court to keep Roe v. Wade in place. Once Roe is overturned, Michigan will trigger the old law as its new standing



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law — abortion will be a felony unless done to save the life of the person who is pregnant. The law contains no exception for rape or incest. It will also criminalize selling or advertising medications that could induce an abortion.

Because Ann Arbor voters in 1990 approved Proposal C, a charter that protects abortion access in the city, the city can only charge a \$5 fine for abortions, and restricts its attorney from referring abortion cases to any other authority for prosecution. As for the rest of Washtenaw County, Prosecuting Attorney Eli Savit has stated he will never, ever prosecute any provider or patient for abortion. Attorney General Dana Nessel has said she will refuse to enforce or defend the 1931 statute too. However, these promises may stop when those elected officials leave office. This is why the legal pushback to the 1931 ban is crucial.

It is feared that the recent case of Lizelle Herrera in Texas will become the shared experiences for many pregnant persons if Roe is overturned. Lizelle was arrested after hospital staff reported her to police for an alleged self-induced abortion. Dr. Ghazaleh Moayed, an OB/GYN and abortion

provider in Texas, responded to this case by stating, "It doesn't actually matter what the law says or doesn't say; it's the climate that politics and anti-abortion laws create. What I've seen happen in other instances is that a health care provider thought it was a mandatory reporter scenario, and this misunderstanding coincided with law enforcement also not understanding the law."

Health care in our country is already precariously accessed by so many, especially by those who are low income or uninsured, or experiencing homelessness. And it is already rooted in un/intentional biases such as race, ableism, culture, gender, sexuality and class.

Dr. Moayed continued, "The reality for many communities — communities of color, immigrant communities, queer communities, disabled communities — is that having to protect yourself from the health care industry is, to some extent, a part of life."

The notion that health care providers must work to build a case for the state and law enforcement against someone in need of care only exacerbates the relationship between access and community. If someone discloses a history of drug use and then gives birth at the hospital, it can be assumed as medical "care" to order a drug test despite it being unnecessary at the time of service. The purpose of the test is not for the care of the patient, but for the prosecution of an assumed crime.

Physicians and nurses building cases against their patients is not what we expect for ourselves when accessing health care. Further layering this with the criminalizing of abortion, where does this leave us? It is not

hyperbolic to say removing Roe does nothing for health care; it only funds more acts of policing.

Roe did not argue if abortion is good or bad, but that under the 14th Amendment a person has the liberty to choose. Their liberty is afforded equal protection as well as dignity. It is estimated that if Roe is overturned about 75,000 persons seeking abortions in states with the weakest social safety nets will not receive one.

Over the last several decades the abortion rate has trended down, yet it has become increasingly concentrated among the poor. Not to mention that on average 60% of those who receive abortions are already parents. How many more poor people must our "free" society lock up? How many more children must be separated from a parent?

Abortion is not the opposite of birthing. Both are part of a spectrum and always have been. Further politicizing health care only makes access more dangerous and costly. We must be pro-voice for those who have had and will have abortions. As Renee Bracey Sherman of We Testify, an organization dedicated to the leadership and representation of people who have abortions, says "Everyone loves someone who had an abortion." I know I do.

A final note: here are some suggested organizations to support right now:

- Sister Song: abortion care for BIPOC peoples
- Indigenous Women Rising: abortion care for Indigenous persons
- The Brigid Alliance: abortion travel money assistance

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Cheddar and chive savory scones

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Ingredients:

2 ½ cups flour
2 T. granulated sugar
1 T. baking powder
1 t. kosher salt
½ cup butter (1 stick)
3 large eggs, 2 for scones and one for egg wash
2/3 cup buttermilk
2/3 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
¼ cup chopped chives

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
In a large bowl whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.
Cut the butter into the flour mixture with a pastry cutter.
In a large bowl whisk 2 eggs and combine with the buttermilk. Add the flour mixture and stir until moist. Do not overmix! Lightly mix in the cheddar cheese and chives.
Place the dough on a well-floured



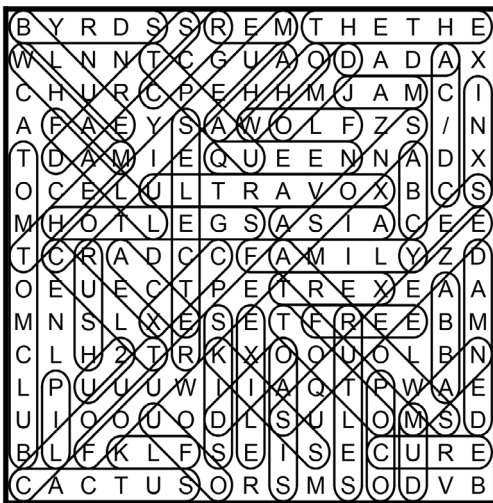
board or mat and knead lightly. Cut the dough in half and roll each half into a circle. Cut each circle into 4 wedges.

Whisk remaining egg in a small dish and brush on top of scones. Let the scones "rest" for 10 minutes before baking for 20 minutes or until golden.

Use those chives from your garden for these delicious biscuits! Delicious hot out of the oven or at room temperature.

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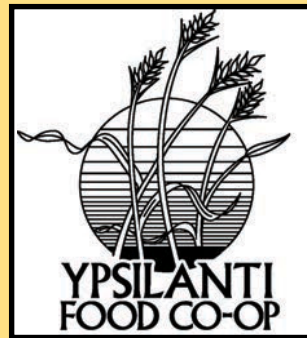
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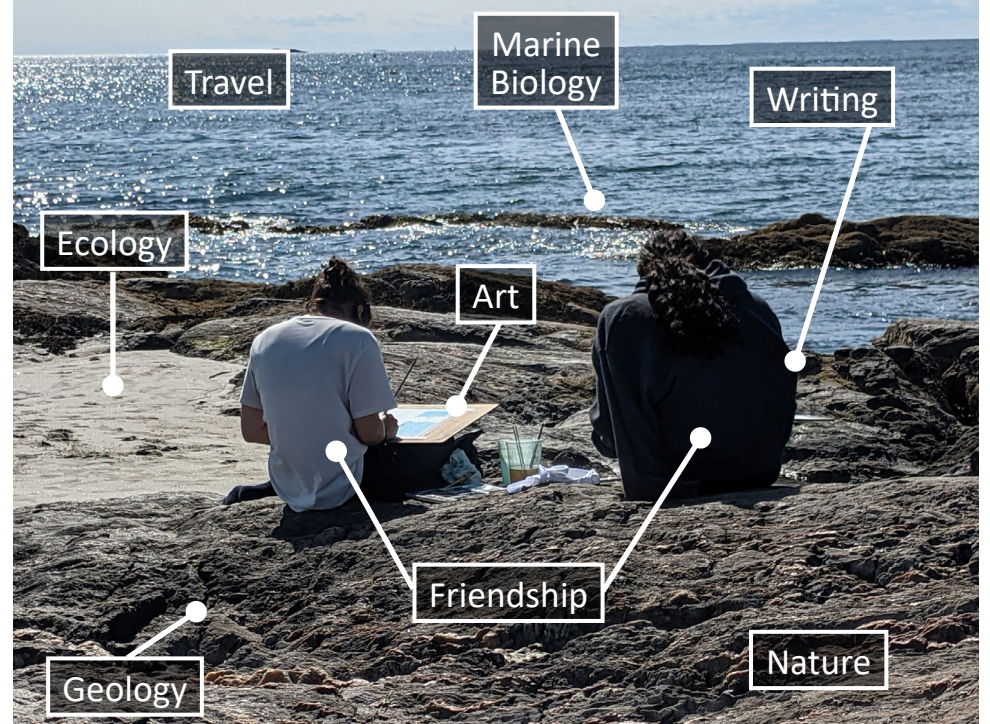
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